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<p>(C) On 6 and 30 July 1964 sources visited AARMA and provided the following information:</p> <p><u>Strategic Weapons Sites and Areas of Soviet Concentration</u></p> <p>1. SOROA—prohibited zone; roads constructed in the rugged terrain; roads do not link-up with other roads. Large quantities of concrete delivered. Believed to be a missile site on route SAN DIEGO DE NUNEZ-SOROA. Locations: LOMA QUIEBRA RACHA.</p> <p>2. CAMPAMENTO CARIBE (La Habana)—20 km East of La Habana—excavations/</p>			
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tunnels in numerous hills South of highway, communicate via secret routes through restricted mountainous area to MANAGUA. For many months, 24 hours/day, USSR compressors and excavators were employed. Large 105 ton capacity crane/derrick utilized.

3. HILLS of COJIMA (La Habana)—huge hills were hollowed, but still retain exterior overall appearance; location of a key CP; underground hangars.

4. BAHIA DE LA MILATA—significantly large SOVIET personnel concentrations; large underground tunnels/excavations; believed to be strategic weapon site. Located in immediate vicinity town of MILATA.

5. On route GUANAJAY-MARIEL (vicinity GUANAJAY)—10 billets of USSR; 100 men each billet; several billets are 3 km NW of GUANAJAY and on S side of highway. Majority are at 8 km to S of MARIEL and on E side of highway.

6. FUNTA GOBERNADORA—extensive excavations/tunnels; believed to be strategic weapon site. Entire coastal area swarming with USSR personnel. Considered to be one of the most critical projects on the N. coast.

7. SAN JULIAN—extensive deep excavations; was a top priority project.

8. HOLGUIN—MIG-23 aircraft; underground hangars and storage, aviation fuel; large crates evident (believed to be missiles or associated equipment).

9. ARTEMISA (on route to HABANA)—USSR positions at SIERRA DE ESPERON; training area for foreigners located at SIERRA (Mesa) DEL ANAFE (between GUANAJAY and CAIBARO); SOVIET garrison located thereat.

10. BARACOA (Habana) (vicinity air base)—large SOVIET garrisons.

11. SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BAÑOS—large SOVIET camp vicinity NUEVA VEREDA.

12. Route MARIEL-BARACOA (Habana)—numerous SOVIET garrisons in the port area (MARIEL Port completely occupied by USSR personnel) and on high ground vicinity port.

13. SANTA FE (Habana)—SOVIET garrisons; large antennas of horizontal and vertical design (about height of telephone post), revolve rapidly—in prohibited zone thereat. Overall ground area: 100 meters².

14. MATANZAS—area of military concentration; roads constructed through mountainous terrain; LOC routes well camouflaged; also area of mobile repair shops and gasoline resupply. Many compressors utilized; doners and perforators became broken (not-functional) on project in some natural caves.

15. ZAPATA—much excavation and priority use of heavy equipment; believed to be a strategic weapon site located at JACKY GRANDE.

16. SOROA—through high ground NW to SAN DIEGO DE BUEY—reported concrete ramps in form of inverted "V"; believed to be missile sites.

17. MAJAY-SANTIAGO DE LOS BAÑOS (1 km from MAJAY)—a SOVIET unit on S side of highway.

18. Route REJUCAL (Habana)—CAGUARO: SOVIET unit of 100 men; located on farm formerly known as HULEN DE LEON; believed to be strategic weapon site thereat.

19. NUEVO VEDADO (La Habana)—PUNTO UNO (1 km S of PUNTO VEDADO, S of ALGEMAROS RIVER) is a key CP.

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20. USSR C-2 (Ramiro Valdés) has Hq on high ground (City of La Habana) 1/2 km to W of ALMENDARES River, on Avda. 47, opposite N tip of Isla JC. EFIMA. Priority SOVIET Hq in same area approx 1 km due S of C2 Hq.

21. The major SOVIET Hq located in La Habana in semi-circular small zone bounded by avenues 49-A, 49-B, 49-C in MOHLY Sector.

22. CAYO COROJAL (Bahia Honda)—Project "quarantens" in 1962. Some 40 arduous days of priority effort there.

23. From E of Port of MARIEL to W of BAHIA HONDA along coast—and inland to S of main highway (MARIEL-CABANAS-BAHIA HONDA) almost all activities are SOVIETS.

Soviet Personnel in Cuba

1. There was no significant change in numbers of SOVIETS in CUBA between October 1962 and late 1963; if anything, there were more on hand in 1963. Outgoing personnel were replaced by USSR newcomers in consonance with a one-year tour of duty in Cuba (of a 2-year USSR military service).

2. In Nov-Dec 1963 there were at least 50,000-60,000 personnel. Estimates are based on travels and observations on the island, especially in provinces of PINAR DEL RIO and LA HABANA. Sources indicate some 8,000-9,000 USSR in each of the six provinces.

3. SOVIET military women have been observed. One (a major) "supervised" the operations officer of Cuban Army Div 2260 in province of LA HABANA. Other women (number unknown) initially believed to be cooks, later were observed as aircraft pilots.

4. SOVIET technicians/mechanics (heavy equipment: excavators, cranes, dozers, trucks, etc.) are rated as inferior to Czechs and even less skilled than the Polish and Argentines.

5. SOVIET motor movements were generally accomplished under cover of darkness between hours of 0100 and 0300; Cubans normally didn't travel after 2300 hours. Movements often comprised vehicle convoys under black-out conditions; only lead vehicle used head-lights.

6. In the Corps of Aviation of the Army of La Habana, in summer 1963 there were only 8 Cuban jet pilots; remaining (number unknown) jet pilots were SOVIETS (both male and female) and based at SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BAÑOS. Jet instruction took place at PLAYA EL ROSARIO in GUINES (Habana).

Foreign Technicians/Mechanics

1. Of the various foreign technicians/mechanics principally engaged in utilization and maintenance/repair of equipment to include trucks, dozers, cranes, excavators and associated equipment, the following provides a brief description:

USSR:	- Low skilled, unqualified, incompetent, but selected for loyalty to work on priority projects
CZECH:	- Highly skilled and competent; energetic, knowledgeable
POLAND:	- Not highly skilled but not Communist Party members
ARGENTINA:	- Skilled to a modest degree; superior to USSR in competence; Party members specially selected for loyalty

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1. Trucks: TATRA, PRAGA (Czech): excellent in all aspects and spare parts available
 GAZ models 51, 63 (USSR): poor service; cooling system causes frequent problems; water pump faulty; overheats fast; not designed for climate; differentials frequently break. No spare parts
 ZIL: valves overheat and wear-out fast; other problems (above) of GAZ apply to ZIL; no spare parts; transmission supports faulty
 BARREIROS (Spain): used primarily as personnel carriers--
 PEGASO (Spain): both for civilian and military purposes, primarily the former.

Note: Some 500 trucks arrived Cuba every 3-months for approx. 18 months during period 1962-1963. Large depot (trucks) located on highway LA HABANA-GUANA, BACOA. Another large depot (trucks) located on highway LA HABANA-RANCHO BOYERO at CARDIVILA.

2. Cranes/Derricks:
 MB-40 (CZECH): pórtico (gantry) - 6 ton capacity; excellent
 ZIL 5A (POLAND): 6 ton capacity; satisfactory
 SECA-20 (USSR): pórtico (gantry) - approx. 100 ton capacity
 PANTHER (E.GERMANY): autocrane - 5 ton capacity
 MARINE CRANE (HUNGARY): 100 ton capacity

Ports used to Load and Off-Load Foreign Personnel and Equipment

1. In order of importance:

MARIEL
 BAHIA HONDA
 LA HABANA
 SAGUA LA GRANDE

Note: Source has no knowledge of ports in provinces to East of LAS VILLAS re this item.

Military Obstacles

1. Along the coastal areas in the approaches deemed most favorable for an aggressor attack because of natural terrain features, obstacles have been emplaced to include: a band of "henequén" some 10 km deep to hinder an airborne assault, and a series of "rompeolas" to impede an amphibious operation. Henequén is a plant/cactus type up to 6 feet high which has pointed spurs (black color) 2 1/2 inches in length and is considered to be a deadly anti-personnel device; specifically located for some 25 km at PLAYA SALADO, both sides of highway. Rompeolas are fixed man-made obstacles of steel/concrete designed for defense against amphibious assault forces and are located in potential strategic landing areas; specifically in coastal area La Habana E to VARADERO, and also along edge of Peninsula de SANTIAGO.

Source Observations on USSR Control of Key Weapons

1. USSR chiefs are too sensible to pass control of their weapons. USSR will not do it. Source is convinced that USSR will not attempt to exercise control; otherwise CASTRO would have been in a position to do so. "CASTRO is absolutely crazy; he is a nut."

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COMMENT (CONFIDENTIAL-NoFora)

1. (C-NoFora) Sources are two brothers: Miguel de los Santos HADDAD and Jorge HADDAD. Following information was provided by Sources. Miguel was born 5 July (?) 1938 in Oriente Province (Manzanillo); Jorge was born 10 February 1942 in same place. Father of sources is MAXIM HADDAD, born in Lebanon (year unknown) who moved to Cuba in 1931. Father allegedly acquired a considerable wealth and is supposed to have lost/forfeited \$5 million in assets in past few years in Cuba, and previously another \$5 million in Santo Domingo during Trujillo reign. Miguel is a master mechanic (motors) and has a wife and child (daughter) still in Cuba who hope to arrive Madrid in Aug-Sep 1964. Brother Jorge served as Armed Force Officer (SA) in Cuban Army until September 1963. Miguel served some months in 1959 as a naval "alferez" as OIC of Naval maintenance and repair shop for naval vehicles. He did not "go to sea." Placed in prison November 1959 for five months: suspected sabotage of motor vehicle of highest level personnel. In past 2-3 years he has been Chief of Public Works Division of maintenance and repairs of vehicles for the provinces of PINAR DEL RIO, LA HABANA, MANAGUA. Both sources arrived Madrid via air on 2 December 1963, along with their parents and other members of clan. Miguel has been in USA since for various schools: 1955-56 at Nashville, Tenn., Auto-Diesel College, graduating with diploma and high standing in class; 1957-58 to GMC school in Detroit, Mich. area and then in Detroit to GMC school. Father had been close to Castro (recently) of Fidel since 1947; in recent years, CASTRO HAD a falling out with other member(s) of clan. Father settled for leaving Cuba by "going off" financially; father has a large account in First National Bank of New York, thus has a dollar or two he can draw upon.

— End of information provided by Source

2. (C-NoFora) Miguel is a big husky individual: approx. 6' tall and 190 pounds; speaks English adequately well to converse at semi-rapid rate; has facial characteristics similar to Egyptian NASSER. He is very energetic and aggressive; has been engaged for three months now as foreman of a large vehicle service station and repair shop at km 22 on highway Madrid-Barcelona opposite main entrance to Torrejon (SAC) Air Base, Madrid, and is doing well. He stated that he and clan departed Cuba without some of the usual harassment—due to many past favors of his father to CASTRO during the period 1940's-1950's and due to family's "giving up" \$5 million assets to present regime. His uncle was allowed to depart Cuba with a clock-radio, but that was about all; members of party (20 persons) were all subjected to search. Miguel insists he is not communist, although he said much unfavorable propaganda has been disseminated via radio Cuba-Miami by Cubans against his clan because of jealousy (money) and of apparent relative ease of departure. He and his family finally became disenchanted with Fidel, although Fidel had been their house guest on many occasions in previous years and Fidel's rebels had utilized the HADDAD hacienda in Oriente when Fidel was "on the way up." Miguel disclaims military service other than his naval maintenance stint and his high-school days at Habana Military Academy (private school).

he has lost any sense of reason; that RAUL is literally "queer."

of separate report forthcoming. He flew to Dominican Republic approx. two weeks ago; intended to live and work thereat; nothing to do in Madrid.

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5. It is possible that sources and clan all will eventually reside Dominican Republic although Miguel now has a pretty profitable business going in Madrid and may stay here for several years; he has expressed desire to "some day" become an American citizen and live in USA.

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6. Background information on sources cannot be verified locally.

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